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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTHONY JENKINS ANNOUNCES TRAINING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

United States Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins, in conjunction with the Domestic Violence and Sex Assault Council, and the University of the Virgin Islands - Division of Humanities and Social Services, announced today the sponsorship of a one-day Human Trafficking Training, scheduled for August 14, 2006 at the St. Croix Campus of the University of Virgin Islands, and August 16, 2006 at the Marriot Frenchman's Reef Hotel in St. Thomas.

The United States Virgin Islands' open borders make the territory susceptible to illegal trafficking, including Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is the recruitment and transportation of persons within or across boundaries by force, fraud, or deception for the purpose of exploiting them economically. This conference's purpose is to assist in identifying the dimensions of human trafficking, and its victims; and to work on how to provide social services, immigration and legal assistance to victims.

The training will be presented by the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking

("CAST"), whose organization's mission is to assist persons trafficked for the purpose of forced slavery-like practices and to work towards ending all instances of human rights violations. Topics discussed will include Dimension of Human Trafficking, Identifying Trafficking and Enslaved Persons, Providing Services to Victims of Trafficking, and Legal Perspectives of Human Trafficking

United States Attorney Jenkins stated that the contact for this training is the Victim-Witness Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Antoinette James. For those who are interested in attending the seminar, please contact Ms. James at (340) 773-3920, by August 9, 2006.